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SUBJ: JDA'S "FOUR PRINCIPLES" OF DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH US

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1. ASAHI GAVE FRONTPAGE HEADLINE TREATMENT JUNE 29 TO STORY THAT JDA HAD FORMULATED QTE FOUR PRINCIPLES UNQTE TO GUIDE US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION. THE PRINCIPLES, SUPPOSEDLY DEVELOPED BY THE JDA UNDER DIRGEN SAKATA'S PERSONAL GUIDANCE, ARE:

A. JAPAN WILL NOT OBTAIN NEW RIGHTS OR ASSUME NEW OBLIGATIONS UNDER DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE US.

B. CIVILIAN CONTROL WILL BE RIGOROUSLY MAINTAINED OVER DEFENSE COOPERATION CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN UNIFORMED OFFICIALS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

C. FULL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED
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BY THE JAPANESE CONSTITUTION.

D. DELIBERATIONS ON US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION WILL, IN PRINCIPLE, BE BARED PUBLICLY IN SUCH FORMS AS REPORTS TO THE DIET PANEL OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL AND THROUGH DEBATE IN THE

COUNCIL, UNLESS THIS IS AGAINST THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES ASAHI LISTED THE FOLLOWING POINTS AS SUBJECTS OF FUTURE QTE CONCRETE STUDIES UNQTE:

- A. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ORGAN FOR LIAISON AND COORDINATION IN CARRYING OUT JOINT ACTIONS UNDER THEIR SEPARATE COMMANDS BY US AND JAPANESE FORCES.
- B. ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORMED OFFICERS CONSULTATIVE ORGAN FOR US AND JAPANESE DEFENSE OFFICIALS.
- C. WHAT JAPAN CAN DO AND WHAT IT CANNOT DO.
- D. THE NATURE OF US SUPPORT.

3. SIMILAR STORIES WERE CARRIED BY MOMIURI AND MAINICHI. ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT WHILE YOMIURI AND ASAHI STORIES REFLECT INTERVIEWS WITH JDA, MAINICHI STORY HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY JDA OFFICIALS AS QTE WITHOUT FOUNDATION UNQTE.

4. MEDIA HAVE PREDICTABLY ALREADY BEGUN TO TAKE AIM AT SAKATA'S FOUR PRINCIPLES. IN COMMENTARY JUNE 30 ENTITLED QTE SAKATA DEFENSE PLAN--A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD UNQTE ASAHI COMPLAINED THAT PLAN HELD QTE DANGER OF TRIGGERING DEMANDS FOR A STRONGER JAPANESE MILITARY CAPABILITY...IT IS KNOWN THAT THE US WANTS AN SDF BUILDUP IN THREE AREAS--ANTI-SUBMARINE OPERATIONS, AIR DEFENSE AND THE ABILITY TO PROTECT SEA LANES. IF JAPAN ASKS FOR COOPERATION TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY, THE US WILL PRESUMABLY REQUEST THE BUILDUP IN THESE THREE AREAS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SAKATA SCHEME COULD PROVIDE THE US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE DEMAND. UNQTE.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE THEIR SEEMINGLY RATHER NONCONTROVERSIAL NATURE, WE EXPECT JDA'S FOUR PRINCIPLES WILL UNDERGO SOME INTERPELLATIVE ATTACK IN DIET BEFORE SESSION ENDS JULY 4. SAKATA'S TIMING, THIS CLOSE TO END OF DIET SESSION, PROBABLY CALCULATED TO MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COUNTERATTACK, AND STILL GET ON RECORD WITH ANOTHER STEP IN HIS LONGER-TERM EFFORT TO LAY BASE FOR MORE REALISTIC
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